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Judge Kolar Kottely  
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Dear Judge Kottely,

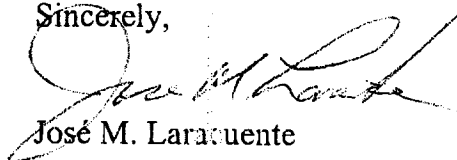
As a business leader and owner of a technology company, I have been very concerned about the burgeoning litigation by the federal government against the Microsoft Corporation. I believe this case has been unfair from the start and I am glad to see that nine states have agreed to settle.

The terms of the agreement are fair and balanced. Microsoft creates new rights allowing Windows to sponsor non-Microsoft programs and hardware manufacturers will be free to remove Microsoft programs from their hardware without any punishment from Microsoft. This is a fair and balanced ending to a prolonged legal production.

I support this settlement and think the terms and conditions reflect a fair deal for everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments regarding the settlement.

Sincerely,



José M. Laraquente